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In re application of: Zissimos Mourelatos et al. Confirmation No.: 6145

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed together herewith a Request for Continuing Examination in connection with the above-identified patent application. The claims were rejected and the rejection was made final in an Official Action dated June 25, 2010. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on November 22, 2010. The period to respond is extended by petition and payment of the appropriate fee provided herewith. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and withdrawal of the pending rejections upon reconsideration.

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